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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *June 22, Associated Press* — **Oil pipeline explodes west of Baghdad.** An oil pipeline exploded and caught fire west of Baghdad on Sunday, the U.S. military said, and flames were seen reaching high into the sky. **The cause of the explosion near the town of Hit, about 95**

miles west of Baghdad, was being investigated, U.S. Military spokeswoman 1st Lt. Mary Pervez said. There were no U.S. casualties, she said. No other details were immediately available. The explosion occurred on the same day Iraq was set to restart its first postwar oil exports. Tankers in recent days have been loading crude for export at storage facilities in the Turkish oil terminal Ceyhan. **Iraq's oil pipeline from the northern fields of Kirkuk to Turkey's Ceyhan are expected to start pumping Sunday once the tankers start taking on crude,** Mohammed Al-Jibouri, the head of Iraq's State Oil Marketing Organization, or SOMO, told Dow Jones Newswires. **Full restart of Iraq's oil exports, around 2 million barrels a day before the war, have been delayed due to damage caused by saboteurs.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/international/AP-Iraq-Oil-Explosion.html>

2. *June 22, Winnipeg Sun* — **Fuel thieves die as gas pipeline explodes. Gushing fuel exploded from a vandalized pipeline in rural southeastern Nigeria, killing at least 105 villagers as they scavenged the leaking gasoline,** Red Cross authorities and witnesses said yesterday. It was not immediately clear what touched off the blast late Thursday on a length of pipe 50 kilometres north of the city of Umuahia. Nigeria's national ThisDay daily cited witnesses as saying it may have been caused by a spark from a motorcycle used by one of the victims. Emmanuel Ijewere, president of the Nigerian Red Cross, confirmed 105 people were killed and said more deaths were likely as rescue crews continued to collect bodies and interview survivors. They included an unknown number of wounded and burned languishing in homes and hospitals. **Pipeline vandalism, known as "bunkering" or "scooping," is common in Nigeria despite the risk of deadly fire, or punishments that include prosecution or being shot on sight by security forces.**

Source: <http://www.canoe.ca/WinnipegNews/ws.ws-06-23-0018.html>

3. *June 19, Associated Press* — **Bush proposes more natural-gas exploration to counter supply crunch. President George W. Bush suggested Thursday that short supplies and high prices for natural gas threaten to undercut the economic recovery. He urged a more aggressive but "consumer friendly" U.S. gas-exploration program.** "There's been a lot of false science put out about what exploration for natural gas would do for certain parts of our country," Bush said. "We're a technologically capable nation. We can explore for natural gas and protect our environment." Natural gas prices nationwide have more than doubled over the past year. **The Energy Department last week said that extremely short supplies of natural gas in storage will result in the high prices to continue through this year and into 2004. Gas stocks were 38 percent below last year and 28 percent lower than the five-year average.**

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=asiawire_2003_06_19_asian_1309-0683-NA-FIN--US-Energy-Bus.a

4. *June 19, PR Newswire* — **The Dow Chemical Company and Freeport LNG Development, L.P. sign agreement regarding proposed Gulf Coast liquefied natural gas terminal. The proposed terminal would be constructed on Freeport LNG's site on Quintana Island, Texas.** The agreement envisions that Dow will have processing rights for 3.6 million tons per year of foreign-sourced LNG (500 million cubic feet per day) for a period of 20 years, beginning in 2007. The anticipated LNG supply would partially be used to satisfy Dow's demand for natural gas at its petrochemical facilities located along the U.S. Gulf Coast. **Dow**

facilities in this region consume nearly 700 million cubic feet per day of natural gas, with remaining portions marketed to other industrial consumers and to key Gulf Coast natural gas hubs in Texas.

Source: http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=comtex_2003_06_19_pr_0000-4830-tx-dow-chemical-signsa

5. *June 18, The Hour (Norwalk, CN)* — **Official blasts plan to switch to overhead power lines in Bethel, CN.** A proposed revision to a plan to run high-voltage power lines from Bethel to Norwalk is a deal-breaker, according to Bethel's Republican First Selectman Judith A. Novachek, who said she was "furious" that lines that were to run below ground would, instead, be strung above ground between poles. **Novachek responded Tuesday to a proposal by members of the state's Siting Council to route high-voltage power lines around Bethel's Educational Park above ground, rather than have them follow two below-ground paths. Bethel was one of four towns north of Norwalk that negotiated a plan with Northeast Utilities, announced in March and called Configuration X, to place much of a new 345-kilovolt circuit below ground within their borders that the utility had intended run above ground between poles as tall as 130 feet.** The other towns were Redding, Weston and Wilton, with the agreement resulting in the 345-kilovolt circuit completely bypassing Weston. Source: http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3931055

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Chemical Sector

Nothing to report.

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *June 20, Boston Globe* — **U.S.-made measure sparks debate.** In Washington, the defense industry has begun publicly opposing measures passed by House Republicans recently that would require the Pentagon to monitor and justify the shift of defense work to foreign suppliers. The House's proposed 2004 defense budget bill also calls on military officials to build up the U.S. defense-industrial base and would bar the purchase of certain foreign goods. Defense executives at Lockheed Martin Corp. and Raytheon Co. said on Thursday they oppose the measures in general. **Industry officials say the drive to bolster the domestic defense industry could actually have the opposite effect because it doesn't account for the need to shop global markets for the cheapest electronic components and could alienate foreign governments who buy many US weapons.** Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/171/business/US_made_measure_sparks_debate+.shtml

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *June 21, New York Times* — **Court upholds freeze on assets of Muslim group based in U.S.** A federal appeals court on Friday unanimously upheld a lower court ruling that the Bush administration acted properly when it froze the assets of the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. The administration said the organization, based in Texas, was involved in global terrorism. **The three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said the Treasury Department acted on overwhelming evidence that the foundation, which had billed itself as the largest Muslim charity in the United States, was an arm of Hamas. Hamas, a militant Palestinian group, was designated as a terrorist organization by the United States government in 1995. In recent weeks, senior administration officials have singled it out as a major obstacle to peace in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.** Today's opinion, written by Judge David B. Sentelle, said the department had ample evidence that the Holy Land Foundation had financial ties to Hamas since the charity was founded in 1989, that foundation leaders have been actively involved with Hamas leaders and that it provided money to people designated as martyrs by Hamas.
Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/21/national/21FOUN.html>

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Transportation Sector

8. *June 20, The Journal-News (New York)* — **Traffic mess renews evacuation debate. The massive traffic jams triggered by Tuesday's three-hour shutdown of the Tappan Zee Bridge renewed debate yesterday among residents and officials over the ability to safely evacuate the region in the event of a catastrophic accident or attack at the Indian Point nuclear power plants.** Critics contend the commuter nightmare — initiated by one man's suicide attempt from the top of the bridge — illustrates how easily major arteries can be rendered inoperable, thereby preventing any evacuation plan from working effectively. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Indian Point officials contend that existing emergency plans are flexible enough to handle such a situation. "The plan provides alternatives as to where the officials would move people," FEMA spokesman Mike Beeman said. "It takes them through all the major roadways and shows them what the alternatives are." **Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano, who in recent months has been pushing to have the plants closed, said the plans work "if we have enough time and there are no impediments." "However, that's not taking sabotage into account, and you don't have to be a brain surgeon to figure this out," Spano continued.** "Our preparation deals with accidental incidents and has never dealt with terrorist scenarios at major or multiple points outside the plant," he said. "It makes the plant dangerous and the plan unworkable under certain circumstances, and no one can deny that."
Source: <http://www.nyjournalnews.com/newsroom/061903/a0119evacplan.h tml>

9. *June 20, CNN* — **Runaway freight train derails near Los Angeles.** A runaway freight train carrying lumber through Southern California derailed after being switched to a side track Friday in suburban Commerce, which sent its cargo crashing into three homes and left 13 people injured, the Los Angeles Fire Department said. **At 12:01 p.m. [3:01 p.m. EDT], 18 of the train's 30 cars went off the tracks. A Union Pacific spokeswoman said the cars broke loose during a switching operation and rolled 27 miles before railroad officials switched the cars to side tracks to stop them from reaching heavily populated downtown Los Angeles.**

"There was no other option to stop the train," said Kathryn Blackwell, a spokeswoman for the Union Pacific. Three children and three adults were taken to a hospital for observation, fire officials said. In all, there were 13 minor injuries, officials reported. **Blackwell defended the company's actions. She said the railroad had only 30 minutes to respond and made notifications to the best of its ability. Blackwell said UP knew the maneuver was "likely" to cause a derailment, but it would have been more dangerous to allow the train to continue moving into central Los Angeles.** Lumber was strewn for hundreds of yards, and stacks of two-by-fours and sheets of plywood were piled on top of homes. Crews searched homes for people who might be trapped inside.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/West/06/20/train.derails/index.ht ml>

10. *June 19, Reuters* — **UN approves seafarer ID cards in anti-terror move. More than one million seafarers will be fingerprinted for new identity cards in a bid to prevent the maritime industry being infiltrated by terrorist groups, a United Nations agency agreed on Thursday.** The move was approved by the annual conference of the International Labour Organization (ILO), which groups government, employer and worker representatives from 176 states. Since the September 11 attacks in the United States, the multi-billion dollar maritime industry, which transports more than 90 percent of the world's trade, has been seen as vulnerable to militant infiltration. **The United States, one of the driving forces behind the new ID cards, is particularly worried some nuclear or biological device, or "dirty bomb", could be smuggled into the country through one of its ports.**

Source: <http://www.alertnet.org/thenews/newsdesk/L19228273.htm>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture Sector

11. *June 20, CBC News* — **World's scientists combine efforts to map cattle genome. Scientists from 10 countries will work together to sequence the bovine genome.** The international collaboration was announced after a three day workshop organized by Genome Canada. "The international community is looking at \$50 to \$60 million to do that project," the workshop chair said at a teleconference on Thursday. **Dr. Lorne Babiuk, director of the Vaccine & Infectious Diseases Organization in Saskatoon, said the work will allow cattle breeders to create herds with the best possible production traits, such as disease resistance, reduced methane gas emissions, or improved milk quality. He is confident that screening for lineages which are naturally resistant to disease will help reduce the likelihood of future problems such as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE.**

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/stories/2003/06/20/bovine030620>

12. *June 20, New York Times* — **Talks collapse on U.S. efforts to open Europe to biotech food. Talks between the United States and the European Union over opening up Europe to**

genetically modified foods broke down in Geneva Thursday, the Bush administration announced. American officials said they would soon request that the World Trade Organization convene a panel to hear their case, in an effort to end a ban that farm groups say is depriving agricultural businesses of hundreds of billions of dollars a year. Genetically modified (GM) food, which can grow more quickly than traditional crops and can be resistant to insects, has caused scant controversy in the U.S., where people eat it every day. In Europe, however, the environmental movement is more powerful, and a series of food problems, including mad cow disease, have made people far more skeptical of assurances of safety from governments and businesses. Some food packages there bear the label GM free, and the initials are well enough known to be used regularly in headlines in British newspapers. Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/20/international/europe/20TRA.D.html>

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Food Sector

Nothing to report.

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Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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Public Health Sector

13. *June 20, Reuters* — Hong Kong, China discuss SARS warning system. Hong Kong health officials met on Friday with their counterparts in China's southern Guangdong province, the birthplace of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus, to hammer out ways to help prevent future epidemics. China was harshly criticized for covering up the disease initially and Hong Kong officials are pressing for a system to receive prompt health alerts from the mainland. "Our officials are in Guangdong today to discuss a notification system," Health Secretary Yeoh Eng-kiong told reporters at a briefing. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNewsD=2962590>

14. *June 20, Science and Development Network* — Studies offer hope for curbing SARS epidemic. Two new studies suggest that the virus that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) would cause a very large global epidemic if left unchecked. In the first scientific assessments of the epidemic potential of SARS and the effectiveness of control measures, two teams of researchers used mathematical models to calculate the potential spread of the disease. They report that measures such as early detection, isolation of patients, treatment with antiviral drugs, and quarantine of exposed individuals can have a major impact on the epidemic. And researchers warn that although the virus appears to have been contained in most developed countries, some poor nations are still vulnerable. "Dangers still persist in populous regions of the world with a limited public health infrastructure and poor disease-reporting systems," write Steven Riley from Imperial College

London.

Source: <http://www.scidev.net/News/index.cfm?fuseaction=readNews&id=872>

15. *June 19, Reuters* — **Health officials scrutinize monkeypox response. U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Julie Gerberding said her agency and local health officials were investigating the response to the monkeypox outbreak, which some have criticized as too slow. Monkeypox broke out in the U.S. Midwest in early May, but the CDC was not notified until June 4 and did not report it publicly until June 7.**

Doctors are supposed to be on alert for monkeypox-like symptoms. They are also the symptoms of smallpox, and the U.S. is on the watch for a smallpox biological attack. "In this case the first case of monkeypox transmission was known to have occurred at the site of a prairie dog bite," Gerberding said, which lowered worries that some sort of terrorist attack was underway. "But we would like to know about these situations when they occur so we can work as fast as possible," Gerberding said, adding that a monkeypox investigation might possibly have been started earlier.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNews&D=2958565>

16. *June 19, Agence France Presse* — **West Nile virus detected in throughout the U.S. West Nile virus has been detected in animal hosts in 24 U.S. states, though so far this year no humans have developed the illness, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) director Julie Gerberding said Thursday.** Some experts fear the epidemic could be worse this year, mainly because of the excessive rainfall in the southern and east coast United States so far this spring. Dr. Paul Epstein deputy director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School, said last month that the virus was likely this year to hit central and western United States particularly hard.

Source: <http://health.discovery.com/news/afp/20030616/westnile.html>

17. *June 18, Star-Ledger* — **West Nile testing increases the price of donated blood.** New Jersey hospitals will be forced to pay more for donated blood starting next month as a result of new screening tests for the West Nile virus. **Red Cross officials have notified hospitals that per-unit costs are expected to rise, with the average increase being about \$4.40, said Peter Page, senior medical officer for the American Red Cross Biomedical Services.** Although it varies from region to region, American Red Cross officials said the price of a unit of red blood can run on average anywhere from \$175 to \$200. **Two screening tests to protect the country's blood supply from the disease are being initiated at blood centers throughout the country.** Because the tests are still in the investigation stage, however, the two manufacturers are not permitted to charge more than their costs. **Officials of the Food and Drug Administration have been encouraging the manufacturers to have the tests ready by July 1 in order to help reduce the risk of West Nile virus during the mosquito season.**

Source: <http://www.nj.com/business/ledger/index.ssf?/base/business-4/105596015833360.xml>

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Government Sector

18. *June 19, Government Executive* — **Official outlines intergovernmental efforts to bolster**

security. Homeland security officials are working with state and local governments to implement initiatives aimed at boosting the sharing of emergency-response resources and improving the ability of different agencies' equipment to communicate with each other, a Homeland Security Department official said on Thursday. Michael Brown, undersecretary for the department's emergency preparedness and response directorate, told the House Homeland Security Committee that his agency is moving forward with programs that are aimed at boosting domestic preparedness in case of natural disasters or terrorist attacks similar to those of September 11, 2001. The directorate plans to distribute more than \$145 million this year in conjunction with the Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Service, Brown said in a prepared statement. **State and local governments "will compete for demonstration projects that will explore uses of equipment and technologies to increase interoperability among the fire, law enforcement and emergency-medical-services communities," he said. Those projects will serve as models for technical solutions in public safety that can be deployed throughout the country, he added.**

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0603/061903td1.htm>

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Emergency Services Sector

19. *June 20, Government Computer News* — **DHS digitizes flood maps.** The Homeland Security Department's Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate plans to spend \$200 million to modernize its flood maps over several years, undersecretary Michael Brown told Congress on Thursday. **Testifying before the House Select Committee on Homeland Security, Brown submitted a written statement indicating that the funds would come from a \$149 million congressional appropriation and \$50 million in National Flood Insurance Program policyholder fees.** More than 100,000 paper map panels will be updated and digitized to improve flood risk assessment and make insurance rates more accurate, Brown said.

Source: http://gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/22509-1.html

20. *June 19, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Secretary Ridge announces \$119 Million for California's first responders.** Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced on Thursday the award of \$119,256,000 to the state of California to enhance the capabilities of its state and local first responders. These funds can be used for equipment, training, planning and exercises for first responders. In addition, a portion of these funds are available to help offset the costs associated with enhanced security measures deployed under the heightened threat period during the conflict in Iraq. The state of California has 45 days to distribute eighty percent of these funds to their cities and counties. **The Department of Homeland Security has made available \$302,588,872 to California since March 1, 2003 and more than \$4 billion nationwide in funding for grants for first responder groups and state and local governments to enhance response and preparedness capabilities.**

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=1025>

21. *June 19, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Helping Michigan's first responders.** On Thursday, June 19, Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge, traveled to Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Selfridge, Michigan to address Homeland Security employees and announce the recent award of \$42,162,000 to the state of Michigan to enhance the

capabilities of the state and local first responder groups. These funds can be used for equipment, training, planning and exercises for first responders. In addition, a portion of the funds is available to help offset the costs associated with enhanced security measures deployed under the heightened threat period during the conflict in Iraq.

Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=1024>

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Information and Telecommunications Sector

22. *June 19, eWEEK* — Security researchers uncover mystery malware. Security experts finally have a handle on mystery malware that was generating loads of suspicious IP traffic over the last few weeks. Researchers at Internet Security Systems Inc. (ISS) say **the culprit is a distributed network mapping tool that also acts as a listening agent. Dubbed Stumbler, the agent is not considered malicious right now because it contains no payload, but it has the potential to generate enough IP traffic to hamper network performance.** What has experts most concerned is the ease with which Stumbler could be reprogrammed to make it more damaging. "It could easily become a worm," said Dan Ingevaldson of ISS. **"Remove it if you find it. And you should be concerned about how it got there because someone had to put it there intentionally."** Stumbler first appeared around May 16 and began randomly scanning Internet-connected machines. The scanning was slow at first but began to pick up speed in recent days as more machines have become infected.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,3959,1132253,00.asp>

23. *June 19, CNET News* — E-mail scam makes Best Buy scramble. Best Buy moved Thursday to limit damage from an e-mail that tells a recipient that an order made on BestBuy.com used the person's credit-card information. The recipient of the e-mail is asked to follow a link to a look-alike Web site in an attempt to persuade them to give up their credit-card information. The Minneapolis-based electronics and consumer-goods chain consulted with both the Federal Trade Commission's identity-theft group and federal and state law enforcement to try and track down those responsible for the e-mail message that apparently started circulating Wednesday. Different Web sites were being used to host the ploy, indicating that a single perpetrator is trying to stay ahead of the Internet service providers or that a copycat has started using the message. **Both sites had been taken down by their hosting providers as of Thursday morning .**

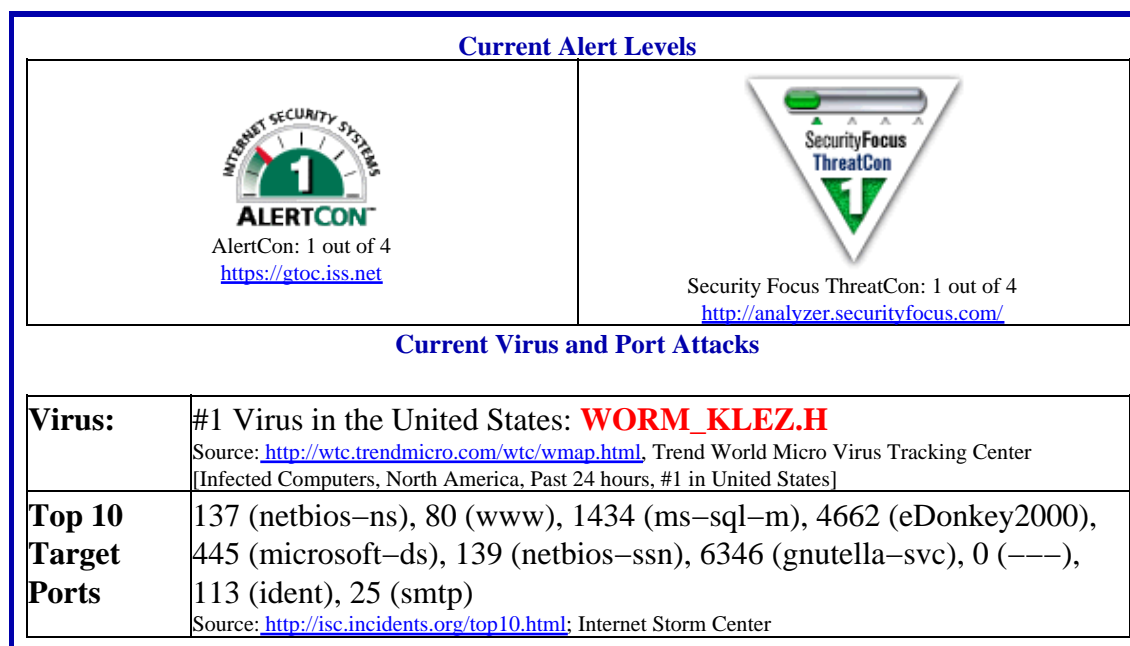
Source: http://news.com.com/2100-1002_3-1019192.html

24. *June 19, SecurityFocus* — Guess settles with FTC over cybersecurity gaffe. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced Wednesday that Guess Inc. has agreed to overhaul its information security practices to settle a rare FTC action kindled by a young programmer who discovered a security hole on the fashion retailer's e-commerce site last year. Jeremiah Jacks discovered that **Guess.com was open to an "SQL injection attack," permitting anyone able to construct a properly-crafted URL to pull down every name, credit card number and expiration date in the site's customer database.** The episode prompted an FTC investigation into alleged deceptive trade practices by Guess, based on language in the company's privacy policy that assured visitors, "All of your personal information including your credit card information and sign-in password are stored in an unreadable, encrypted

format at all times." Under the settlement Guess is prohibited from misrepresenting the extent to which it protects the security of customers' personal information and must establish and maintain a comprehensive information security program.

Source: <http://securityfocus.com/news/5968>

Internet Alert Dashboard



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General Sector

25. *June 22, Associated Press* — **Video warns of more al Qaeda suicide attacks.** A U.S. television network on Sunday aired a video showing a masked man who warned of more suicide attacks by Osama bin Laden's shadowy al Qaeda network. "A video tape obtained Saturday ... warns of new suicide attacks by al Qaeda," CNN reported. The channel showed a man whose face was covered by a black turban reading from a text in which he claimed the responsibility for recent bombings in Saudi Arabia and Morocco. However, the channel said that it was unable to verify the authenticity of the video or whether the man speaks for al Qaeda. There are reports that the video was released by an intelligence official of renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hezb-i-Islami. But Qutub-ud-din Hilal, deputy head of Hezb-i-Islami, denied reports that his group released the video. "It is wrong. We have nothing to do with video tape," he told Reuters.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/news/news-pakistan-alqaeda-video.html>

26. *June 22, New York Times* — **As graduates look for work, the engineer is standing tall.** In the weakest overall employment market in many years, the engineering field may be one of the few bright spots. According to a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, employers predicted that members of the class of 2003 with backgrounds in computer engineering, electrical engineering and mechanical engineering would be in high

demand upon graduation. **One area that has heated up significantly is the military sector, where engineers are being heavily recruited to work for the newly created Department of Homeland Security, and for private companies that do contract work for the agency. With a proposed budget of \$36.2 billion for 2004, the new department has more openings than qualified professionals to fill them, says Ken Selzer, president of Defense Placements, a Washington subsidiary of Management Recruiters International.** Before the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, "there was always a demand for these kinds of people," Selzer said, but the need has "skyrocketed" in the last year. Complicating the search, many positions require government security clearances that can take a year to 18 months to complete.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/06/22/business/22JMAR.html>

- 27. June 22, Associated Press — More homes lost as Arizona wildfire rages on.** A windblown wildfire that devastated a mountaintop hamlet destroyed more homes nearby on Saturday, as it swept over a ridge of television and radio towers and burned into a ski area, fire officials said. **It could take firefighters two to three more weeks to contain the blaze on Mount Lemmon, outside Tucson in southern Arizona, said Larry Humphrey, commander of the team battling the wildfire.** Officials said the Mount Lemmon Ski Valley, the ski resort, had suffered no damage, contrary to early reports. **The blaze burned about 250 homes in its first run into the mountainside community of Summerhaven, and destroyed 10 to 15 more homes on Saturday. A broadcast transmission tower also was lost and some buildings at the ski resort were damaged, officials said.**

Source: http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/173/nation/More_homes_lost_as_Arizona_wildfire_rages_on+.shtml

- 28. June 20, Associated Press — Pakistan questions two al Qaeda suspects.** Investigators have begun interrogating two al Qaeda suspects and three Afghans arrested in northwestern Pakistan, hoping for clues to other top operatives of the terror group, including Osama bin Laden, officials said Thursday. **The alleged members of al Qaeda — Adil Al-Jazeeri from Algeria and Abu Naseem from Tunisia — were arrested late Tuesday in Peshawar, the capital of Pakistan's deeply conservative North West Frontier Province where a pro-Taliban religious coalition rules. The three Afghans also were arrested in Peshawar this week, Interior Ministry official Brig. Javed Iqbal Cheema told The Associated Press. They are also suspected of involvement with al Qaeda.** Security agencies stepped up their pursuit of Al-Jazeeri after receiving information that he was planning attacks in Pakistan.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/world/wire/sns-ap-pakistan-al-qaida-investigations.0.6882645.story?coll=sns-ap-world-headlines>

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